

(Wetland Worthington Valley NR district)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

BA-953

MAG #0307535704

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Snow Hill				
ALSO/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Tufton Avenue and Mantua Mill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Nancy B. Martin				
STREET AND NUMBER: Snow Hill				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Towson		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 976/239				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SNOW HILL is a five bay, two and one-half storey, gambrel roof brick house with two flush end chimneys at either end; it has a lower two bay, two and one-half storey gambrel roof service wing attached at the east (right) end, behind which is a two bay, two storey gable roof kitchen wing, bonded and continuous with the gambrel roof front portion, which is, in turn bonded with the main house, although not continuous, or flush, with it.

Visible patterns in the brickwork indicate that the main house was originally about half its present depth, and had a gabled roof; the front chimneys on each end were originally centered on the ridge. Two distinct periods can be seen in the brickwork of the service wings, although an original roof shape cannot be determined. This house was gutted by fire in the 20th century, and only portions of the exterior walls are early.

All original brickwork is of common bond with every sixth course headers.

The principle entrance, centered on the south front, is sheltered by a one bay, one storey Tuscan portico with an elliptically-arched ceiling, dating from the 20th century, designed in the manner of several Anne Arundel County (Maryland) examples of ca. 1800. The front door, with its semi-circular transom and sidelights, forms a Palladian motif.

Windows are 6/6, and have louvred blinds. Jack arches, one and one-half bricks in height, support masonry above. Three dormers on each side light the attic storey, while two on the south light the attic of the wing.

Fenestration of the north front defines but four bays, and the lower openings are all French doors.

A four columned porch of the Tuscan order, with a flat roof and

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8. SIGNIFICANCE							
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century</div> </div>							
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b> 							
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 25%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal  <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric  <input type="checkbox"/> Historic  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture  <input type="checkbox"/> Art  <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce  <input type="checkbox"/> Communications  <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation                         </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 25%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education  <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  <input type="checkbox"/> Industry  <input type="checkbox"/> Invention  <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape  <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture  <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  <input type="checkbox"/> Military  <input type="checkbox"/> Music                         </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 25%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political  <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  <input type="checkbox"/> Science  <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture  <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  <input type="checkbox"/> Theater  <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                         </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 25%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)  <u>horse-racing</u>  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> </td> </tr> </table>				<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>horse-racing</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b> <p>Spectacularly situated on a prominent hill, Snow Hill overlooks the site of the famous Maryland Hunt Cup steeplechase, first run in 1894. The race is over a four-mile course with twenty-two jumps and is the high point in Spring racing in Maryland. It draws thousands of onlookers from near and far who watch from the front lawn of this property.</p> <p>The house is located to the northwest of the intersection of Mantua Mill Road and Tufton Avenue on a tract of land which was the part of Nicholson's Manor purchased in 1757 by Kinsey Johns. It passed through his, Richard, to his grandson, John Johns, who is reputed to have built the house. Said to have been a gracious host who entertained often on a grand scale, John Johns died at Snow Hill in 1857. He was one of the first vestrymen of St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington Valley, and in 1842, built the rectory there at his own expense.</p> <p>Following his death, since Johns was a bachelor, the dwelling was inherited by a nephew, John Tolley Johns of Dover. The house and farm were rented during the next twenty-five years and then sold as a result of a dispute over the will of John Tolley Johns. The purchaser was John C. Bosley.</p> <p>A disastrous fire destroyed a major part of Snow Hill during the early 1930's but it was rebuilt and enlarged from a moderately-sized home of a prosperous farmer into a 20th century mansion, skillfully designed to retain its early 19th century appearance.</p>							

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798.

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1823, 1876, 1896, 1911.

Circuit Court of Baltimore County Equity Liber 122 folio 573

Sale of part of Nicholson's Manor to Kinsey Johns: Baltimore County Land  
Land Records Liber B #G folio 10 etc.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 251 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA		DATE Jan. 1, 1976
ORGANIZATION Worthington Valley Historical District Project		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemore Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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trellis railing, shelters the two central bays. A large flat roofed sun porch, three brick arches wide by five brick arches deep, is attached at the west end.

Inside, a center hall with principal staircase, and one room on each side, define the original house. The north addition, doubling the depth of the house, is divided between two rooms of equal size. The interiors, entirely replaced after the fire, reflect the early nineteenth century: architraves have corner blocks; the round mahogany stair rail is supported by two tapered round balusters per tread, and terminates in a scroll at the bottom; step ends are scrolled. The mantel of the west room has fluted Greek Doric columns; mantels of the two north rooms are embellished with Adamesque details. However, some rooms were restyled in a Georgian motif of fully raised paneled walls, and the northeast room's fireplace is flanked by semi-circular cupboards with a carved shell motif in the half-dome top.

Trees are smaller than would be expected around a house of this age, due to the devastation of hurricanes. East of the house is a smallish, two storey brick barn with decorative ventilators created by omitted brick.

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Snow Hill

1974

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from Southeast

JTU, JR





Snow Hill - barn  
from southwest

1974 BA-953  
JTW JR